

20. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Stupak OF Michigan, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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Revised

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1585, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of title XIV, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 1454. TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED  
2 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CER-  
3 TAIN OTHER PERSONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Sergeant First Class James Priestap and Private First  
6 Class Alan Blohm Fallen Servicemember Respectful Re-  
7 turn Act”.

8 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
9 ings:

10 (1) Members of the Armed Forces who die  
11 under the circumstances described in section 1481 of  
12 title 10, United States Code, have made the ultimate  
13 sacrifice for the United States, and their remains  
14 should be treated with the utmost reverence and re-  
15 spect.

16 (2) The family and friends of a deceased mem-  
17 ber of the Armed Forces should be able to greet the  
18 remains of their loved one at an airport near the  
19 place designated for the disposition of the remains

1       and provide for the burial of their loved one with  
2       proper honors and without undue delay or complica-  
3       tion.

4           (3) Rural areas are frequently served by smaller  
5       regional airports and are often a significant distance  
6       from a major airport, and the practice of the De-  
7       partment of Defense to finish the aircraft portion of  
8       the transportation of the remains of a deceased  
9       member of the Armed Forces at a major airport im-  
10      poses undue burdens on the family and friends of  
11      the deceased member.

12      (c) TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED  
13 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CERTAIN OTHER  
14 PERSONS.—Section 1482(a)(8) of title 10, United States  
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
16 sentence: “When transportation of the remains includes  
17 transportation by aircraft under section 562 of the John  
18 Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
19 Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 1482 note),  
20 the Secretary concerned shall provide, to the maximum ex-  
21 tent practicable, for delivery of the remains by air to the  
22 commercial, general aviation, or military airport nearest  
23 to the place selected by the designee.”.